Docket No.: 58981US002



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

YOLLA B. LEVITT and MATTHEW T. SCHOLZ

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For:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The deadline for filing a response to the Notice to Filing Missing Parts mailed January 20, 2004 originally required a reply by March 20, 2004.

Applicants desire additional time to respond to the Notice, and therefore request that the deadline for reply to the Missing Parts Action be extended one month from March 20, 2004 until April 20, 2004 under the provisions of Rule 136(a). Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fee required in connection with this paper, including the \$110.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) for consideration of this extension to Account No. 13-3723. A duplicate copy of this sheet is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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